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Letter dated 6 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of my Government, in its capacity as Chair of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, I have the honour to transmit a Declaration dated 5 September 2013, issued following the seventh Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region on the security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Richard **Nduhuura**
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Annex to the letter dated 6 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda addressed to the President of the Security Council

Declaration of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region on the Security Situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo

Seventh Extraordinary Summit of the Heads of State and Government

Kampala, Uganda
5 September 2013

Preamble

We, Heads of State and Government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, meeting in Kampala, on 5 September 2013 at the invitation of Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairman of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Summit, to discuss the worsening security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Recalling the decisions made during our Extraordinary Summit, held in Nairobi on 31 July 2013,

Gravely concerned about the resumption of hostilities in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and the worsening security and humanitarian crisis that has resulted in continued deaths of civilians, displacement and suffering of populations,

Further concerned that this new escalation of hostilities is an obstacle to the implementation of the Nairobi Extraordinary Summit Declaration of 31 July 2013, and a threat to regional peace and security,

Having received reports from the Meetings of the Committee of Ministers of Defence and the Regional Interministerial Committee on the security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular recommendations on addressing the renewed fighting and the consequent security and humanitarian crises,

Welcoming and fully supporting other ongoing international efforts to address the crisis in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular the United Nations Framework for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region, signed in Addis Ababa on 24 February 2013, and Security Council resolution 2098 (2013), adopted on 28 March 2013, and reaffirming our support for the mandate of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region,

Reiterating our relentless commitment to find lasting solutions to the prolonged security crisis in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo in the spirit of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development,

Reaffirming our support to the ongoing Dialogue in Kampala, Uganda, between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and M23, mediated by the current Chairman of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region in line with the decisions we made at our Extraordinary Summit held here in Kampala on 24 November 2012,

Commending the untiring efforts by President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, Chairman of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Summit, in the search for a lasting solution to the security and humanitarian crisis in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and encouraging him to continue his efforts,

Hereby decide as follows:

1. Strongly condemn the recent bombings in Munigi and Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that have resulted in the death of a senior United Nations officer attached to the Intervention Brigade, hundreds of civilians as well as the injury of United Nations military officers and civilians, and task the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism to undertake immediate investigations and provide the report thereon to the Committee of Ministers of Defence of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region as soon as possible;

2. Strongly condemn the recent bombings from Democratic Republic of the Congo territory that have resulted in the deaths of civilians in the territory of Rwanda and direct the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism to complete the verification process and provide a report to the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of Defence as soon as possible;

3. Direct that the Kampala Dialogue resume within three days after this Extraordinary Summit and conclude within a maximum period of 14 days during which maximum restraint must be exercised on the ground to allow for talks to conclude. The Chairman will keep in touch with his colleagues on the progress of the Dialogue;

4. M23 should put an end to all military activities, and stop war and threats of overthrowing the lawful Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

5. Commit to continue exerting pressure together with our partners, in particular the Intervention Brigade, on the M23 and all other negative forces in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo to ensure they stop war;

6. Accept the request by the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) to have permanent representation in the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism, and appeal to MONUSCO to provide logistical support to the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism to enable it to carry out its mandate effectively;

7. Direct the Committee of Ministers of Defence to develop guidelines for legal and diplomatic protection of officers of International Conference on the Great Lakes Region mechanisms in line with international standards and develop a code of conduct for officers serving in such stations;

8. Direct the Executive Secretary to fast-track the release of the funds donated to the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism by the European Union through the African Union and commit to honour our financial obligations to the Expanded Joint Verification Mechanism;

9. Express strong concern about the ongoing humanitarian crisis exacerbated by the recent fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and call on the international community to provide urgent humanitarian assistance, including food, medicine, tents, etc.;

10. Request the United Nations system to urgently find a definitive solution to the former M23 combatants interned in eastern Rwanda since March 2013;

11. Accept the proposal by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit held in Lilongwe on 17 and 18 August 2013 on convening a joint SADC-International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Summit on the Great Lakes Region and direct the Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region to liaise with the SADC Executive Secretary to organize the Summit.

Done in Kampala, Uganda, 5 September 2013.

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President of the Republic of Angola

Pierre Nkurunziza
President of the Republic of Burundi

Michel Djotodia
President of the Central African Republic

Denis Sassou-Nguesso
President of the Republic of Congo

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President of the Democratic Republic of Congo

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Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
President of the Republic of Uganda

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